

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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Edwards's Botanical Register. A brief note in "British and Irish Botanists" yields the following information: "Sydenham Teast Edwards a celebrated botanical artist was born at Abergavenny about 1769 and died in Chelsea in 1819. He illustrated R. W. Dickson's 'Dictionary of Practical Gardening,' 1805-07, 'Botanical Magazine,' 1786-1814, and 'Botanical Register,' 1815-19." In the *Gardeners' Chronicle*, 1898, xxiii, 340, Mr. W. Botting Hemsley gives a more extended account of Mr. Edwards, and believing this to form an interesting introduction to the study of the *Botanical Register* we quote in part:

"In 1828 Samuel Curtis then proprietor of the *Botanical Magazine*, wrote of Mr. William Curtis, its founder, as follows: 'But the artist of most use to Mr. Curtis was Sydenham Taste (sic) Edwards, who was introduced to him for the purpose of his patronage by a Mr. Denman, who being of a scientific turn of mind, and happening to be at Abergavenny, noticed Edwards whose father was a school master and the organist there. Young Edwards, whilst a boy, had copied some of the plates of the *Flora Londinensis*, which were shown to Mr. Curtis, who was so pleased with them that he sent for him to London, and had him instructed in drawing, in which he improved very rapidly, and soon became able to draw and etch the plates of the *Flora Londinensis* and the *Botanical Magazine*. The drawings for the *Magazine* were entirely his own for many years, and were executed with a correctness not before known in periodical publications. He attended Mr. Curtis on most of his excursions in search of natural history and became the companion rather than the servant of his patron.' After Mr. Curtis's death in 1799, Edwards continued sole artist for the *Botanical Magazine* until 1815, when, in conjunction with John Bellenden Ker, he founded the *Botanical Register*, on much the same lines as the *Botanical Magazine*, though he added floral analyses to some extent." Edwards and Ker were joined by Sansom the engraver and on the title-page of volume fifteen (1829) John Lindley's name is mentioned for the first time as editor.

The *Botanical Register* comprises thirty-three volumes, published in parts from 1815 to 1847, issued on the first of each month. There are eight plates to a part, often with a double plate counting as two.

The plates are dated and in volumes one to nineteen the first eight plates are dated Mar. 1 and the last eight Feb. 1 of the following year, the title-page of the volume giving only the year of the first plates. With vol. xx (1835) the practice is reversed and the date of the last plates given, until eventually the volumes comprise a complete year from Jan. to Dec. and the year on plates and title-page agree. In the absence of covers these discrepancies may easily be overlooked and the following citation of them be helpful.

Vol.	i (1815)	Mar.-Dec. 1815 (Pl.	1-76);	Jan.-Feb. 1816 (Pl.	77-90)
"	ii (1816)	" "	1816 (" 91-163);	" "	1817 (" 164-177)
"	iii (1817)	" "	1817 (" 178-248);	" "	1818 (" 249-263)
"	iv (1818)	" "	1818 (" 264-335);	" "	1819 (" 336-349)
"	v (1819)	" "	1819 (" 350-421);	" "	1820 (" 422-435)
"	vi (1820)	" "	1820 (" 436-506);	" "	1821 (" 507-520)
"	vii (1821)	" "	1821 (" 521-590);	" "	1822 (" 591-605)
"	viii (1822)	" "	1822 (" 606-675);	" "	1823 (" 676-689)
"	ix (1823)	" "	1823 (" 690-762);	" "	1824 (" 763-777)
"	x (1824)	" "	1824 (" 778-853);	" "	1825 (" 854-867)
"	xi (1825)	" "	1825 (" 868-940);	" "	1826 (" 941-955)
"	xii (1826)	" "	1826 (" 956-1029);	" "	1827 (" 1030-1043)
"	xiii (1827)	" "	1827 (" 1044-1116);	" "	1828 (" 1117-1130)
"	xiv (1828)	" "	1828 (" 1131-1202);	" "	1829 (" 1203-1216)
"	xv (1829)	" "	1829 (" 1217-1291);	" "	1830 (" 1292-1305)
"	xvi (1830)	" "	1830 (" 1306-1376);	" "	1831 (" 1377-1391)
"	xvii (1831)	" "	1831 (" 1392-1462);	" "	1832 (" 1463-1476)
"	xviii (1832)	" "	1832 (" 1477-1549);	" "	1833 (" 1550-1564)
"	xix (1833)	" "	1833 (" 1565-1637);	" "	1834 (" 1638-1652)
"	xx (1835)	" "	1834 (" 1653-1727);	" "	1835 (" 1728-1741)
"	xxi (1836)	" "	1835 (" 1742-1821);	Jan. 1836 ("	1822-1828)
"	xxii (1836)	Feb.-Dec. (Pl.	1829-1919)		
"	xxiii (1837)	Jan.-Dec. ("	1920-2014)		

In volumes xxiv (1838) to xxxiii (1847), like volume xxiii comprising an entire year from January to December, the plates of each volume are separately numbered. There are from 66 to 71 plates for each year.

An Appendix to the First Twenty-three Volumes, consisting of an index to the volume and nine additional undated colored plates, was published in 1839.

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